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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Norman C. Bay, Chairman;
Cheryl A. LaFleur, Tony Clark,
and Colette D. Honorable.

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC

Docket No. CP15-29-001

Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC
and Sabine Pass LNG, L.P.

Docket No. CP15-482-001

ORDER DISMISSING REHEARING

(Issued June 16, 2016)

1. On October 21, 2015, the Commission issued an order authorizing Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), to construct and operate pipeline, compression, metering, and appurtenant facilities in Louisiana (Gulf Trace Expansion Project).¹ On November 20, 2015, Transco filed a timely request for clarification or, in the alternative, rehearing of the 2015 Order.² For the reasons discussed below, this order dismisses Transco's requests as moot.

2. The 2015 Order authorized Transco to construct and operate seven miles of 36-inch- diameter pipeline, as well as a new compressor station, two new compressor units at existing Compressor Station 44, and metering, and appurtenant facilities. The Gulf Trace Expansion Project will enable Transco to provide 1,200,000 dekatherms per day of incremental firm transportation service from its existing Compressor

¹ *Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company LLC*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,077 (2015) (2015 Order).

² The 2015 Order also authorized Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass LNG, L.P. to install piping and valves at its liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, in order to receive gas from Transco's proposed Gulf Trace Expansion Project facilities.

Station 65 Zone 3 Pool in St. Helena Parish, Louisiana, south along its mainline and the Southwest Louisiana Lateral, through the proposed Gulf Trace Lateral to Sabine Pass's LNG terminal.

3. Environmental Condition 16 of the order required Transco to conduct air quality modeling of the existing facilities at Compressor Station 44 before constructing the proposed new facilities to establish the baseline environment for the local area near the compressor station, as well as combined air quality modeling that includes the proposed new facilities, in fulfillment of the Commission's National Environmental Policy Act responsibilities and to ensure that the project facilities do not cause or contribute to an exceedance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). These standards were developed by the Environmental Protection Agency for criteria pollutants (carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, particulate matter less than 10 micrometers in aerodynamic diameter, particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers in aerodynamic diameter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and lead). The order stated that Transco's proposed air quality monitoring would not sufficiently address various meteorological and operating conditions that may occur over the course of a calendar year.

4. Transco requests clarification or, in the alternative, rehearing, of:
(1) Environmental Condition 16's requirement that it conduct air quality modeling before construction; and (2) the requirement in the order regarding the appropriate duration of air quality monitoring. On February 2, 2016, however, Transco submitted the air quality modeling required by Environmental Condition 16. Commission staff reviewed the modeling and determined that it adequately demonstrates that the project's incremental impact will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of the NAAQS. Thus, we conclude that the request for clarification or rehearing is moot.

The Commission orders:

Transco's request for clarification or, in the alternative, rehearing of the 2015 Order is dismissed as moot, as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.